



Official Opening October 5, 1964 —  
Premier W.A.C. Bennett and  
Principal E. Cecil Roper

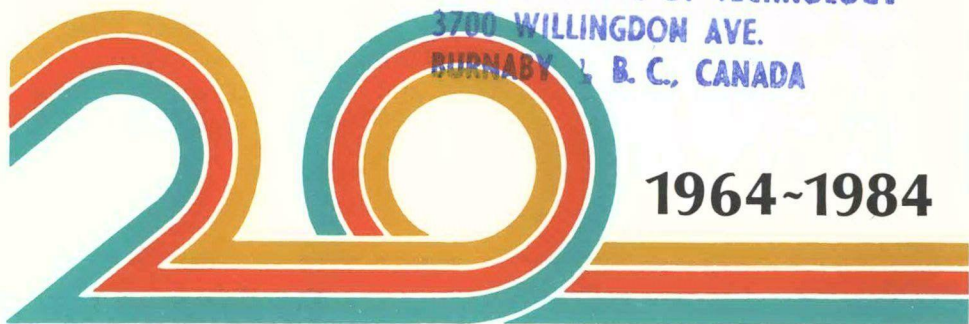
# BCIT

## REDEDICATION

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# BRITISH COLUMBIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY



Official Opening 1964

Twenty years ago a ceremony was held to celebrate the opening of BCIT, hailed in one local newspaper as, "A monument to technology," and "An educational first".

It was mild and sunny on October 5, 1964, the day Premier W.A.C. Bennett performed the opening ceremonies — nearly four years after the provincial government had announced plans to build the \$7m. facility. The news began to spread about the exciting new employment opportunities that would be available to students with two years of technology training from BCIT. Since then 20,000 students have passed through BCIT's doors on their way to careers in the fields of engineering technology, health sciences and business management, and many thousands more have taken part-time courses.

Today, we are celebrating that twenty years of growth by re-enacting the original opening ceremony. We are honoured to have as our guests some of the original participants and others who have contributed to our success over the years. Please join with us as we reflect on the past and speculate on the future.

## REDEDICATION CEREMONY

### Order of Events

#### O Canada

#### Invocation

Reverend Lundy Sanderson

#### Welcoming Address

Gordon A. Thom, President of BCIT

#### "20 years ago to-day"

Address by E. Cecil Roper, First Principal of BCIT

#### Burnaby Proclamation

William A. Lewarne, Mayor of Burnaby

#### Introduction of the Minister of Education

Malcolm C.J. Wickson, Chairman of the BCIT Board of Governors

#### Keynote Address and Rededication

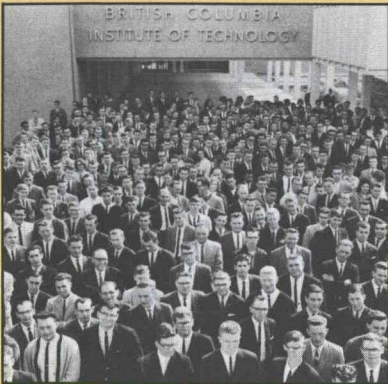
Honourable John H. Heinrich, Minister of Education,  
Province of British Columbia

#### Unveiling of the Commemorative Plaque Ceremonial Cake Cutting Refreshments

Musical accompaniment provided by  
the band of the 15th Field Artillery Regiment,  
Royal Regiment of Canadian Artillery

*Looking to the future... for 20 years*



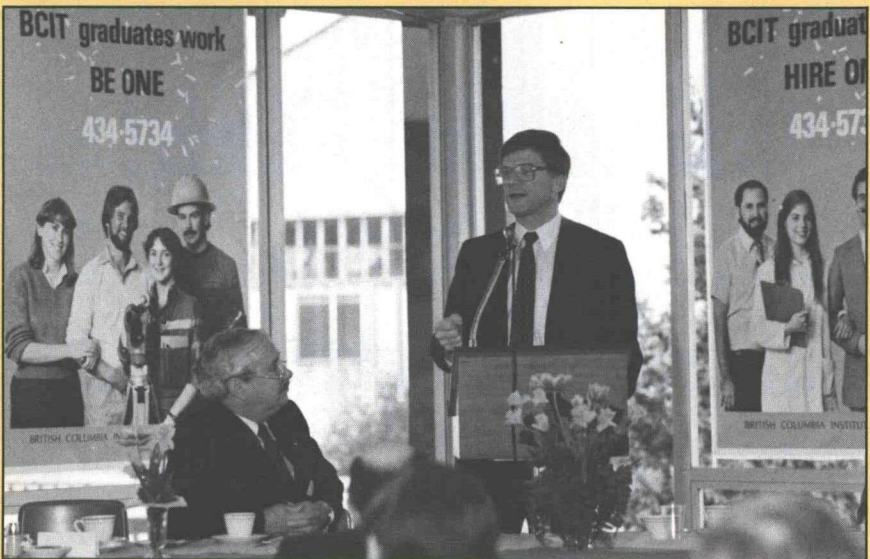


First student enrolment 1964

"The Institute of Technology is an "institute of higher learning" new to British Columbia, and I confidently expect that it will come to occupy an important and unique position in our total educational program".

1964:

Honourable Leslie R. Peterson, Q.C., LL.B.,  
F.R.S.A., Minister of Labour and Education.



President G. Thom, Hon. J. Heinrich, Open House '84

"I've certainly been impressed with the significance and importance of the B.C. Institute of Technology and the tremendous popularity of that institute with the people of B.C. Since 1964 it has become a real force in technological education and, as we all know, the BCIT certificate is in considerable demand."

1984:

Honourable John H. Heinrich, Minister of Education.